

National Fire Prevention***Home Fire Safety Tips for the Fall***Smoke Detectors:

- ☐ Test every Smoke detector to insure they are working. This is the time to replace the old battery with a new one, even if the one in it is still working. (Spring forward, fall back, and check your smoke detectors. When you change clocks, also change the battery in your detector).
- ☐ Install detectors on every level and outside every sleeping room. They are inexpensive and, if ever needed, pay for themselves a hundred fold.
- ☐ There are special detectors for the hearing impaired, also inexpensive.

Fire Extinguishers:

- ☐ Mount one in the kitchen, garage, and workshop and check them for a full charge. It's too late to find out your extinguisher is empty when you need it.
- ☐ Purchase an ABC type that will work on all home fires.
- ☐ Remember...Extinguishers are for small fires. If there is a large fire, get out and call 911 from another location. Leave the big stuff to the professionals.

Fireplace/Woodburners:

- ☐ Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season. Creosote and Critters may have plugging up your chimney and need to be removed.
- ☐ Don't store newspapers, kindling, matches or other combustibles near the fire. One loose spark can ruin your day.
- ☐ Never burn treated wood in your home. It gives off poisonous gases and could kill you before you realize there is a problem.

Burning Leaves and Yard Waste:

- ☐ Check with your local fire department for restrictions and assistance before you burn anything. Many communities have ordinances that may forbid open burning and you could be fined.
- ☐ Never burn anything if the wind is blowing or conditions are very dry. Once again, one little spark can set off a chain reaction if it catches you off guard and burn acres in short order.
- ☐ Keep children away from where you are burning. They are naturally curious and can get themselves in serious trouble before you know it.
- ☐ Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate fires

Electrical:

- ☐ Get rid of any extension cords that are frayed, have exposed wires or show any wear. Replace with "UL" (Underwriters Laboratories) approved cords.
- ☐ Be cautious and conscious not to overload a circuit with too many appliances. Use surge suppressors and breaker assisted power strips whenever possible.
- ☐ Use only "Outdoor" rated lights outside. Be cautious of plug-ins and cords in wet conditions.

Halloween Fire Safety Tips:

- ☐ Use a battery light instead of a candle in your favorite jack o' lantern.
- ☐ Make sure that children's costumes and made of flame-retardant materials.
- ☐ Make decoration of flame retardant materials or treat them with a flame-retardant solution

Hopefully these tips will cause you to pause and reflect on the items that pertain to you and your home. Nothing is sadder than injuring or losing someone we love to a simple mistake that could have been avoided. NGMO-AVS-SOH

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Fire Safety Quiz

1. Where is your nearest manual fire alarm box?
2. What does the fire alarm sound like?
3. Where is your fire assembly point?
4. What is the correct procedure in the event of a fire?
5. What are the meanings of the arrows on the exit signs?
6. Who is the Safety Officer, NCO or representative in your building, office or shop?